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1. TURKISH AIR FORCE OPERATIONS IN THE GREEK FIR OVER
THE AEGEAN MARCH 28 (REFTELS) APPARENTLY WERE HELD AS
PLANNED BUT CAUSED NO CONFRONTATION WITH GREECE. ONE

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DAILY, CUMHURIYET, TODAY (MARCH 29) CARRIED STORY AND

ANOTHER, GUNAYDIN, CITED UNSPECIFIED TURK-GREEK
TENSIONS IN THE AEGEAN.

2. COMMENT: MOTIVES BOTH SIDES NOT ALTOGETHER CLEAR
BUT TURKS LIKELY SAW OPERATIONS AS MEANS REAFFIRMING THEIR
POSITION IN DISPUTE OVER EXTENT OF TERRITORIAL WATERS IN
AEGEAN. AT ANY RATE, THIS PARTICULAR PHASE IN GREEK-
TURKISH MANEUVERING OVER AEGEAN SEEMS TO HAVE PASSED
WITHOUT CAUSING MAJOR RISE IN TENSIONS.
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